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4-H and YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



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Dear Coworkers:

The Congressional Record for Friday, July 26, has this important statement by Congressman Jamie L. Whitten of Mississippi, made in connection with the agricultural budgetary hearings:

"The effect of 4-H Club activities on America's rural youth has been so wholesome that many people feel it should be extended to our cities, as well as to other parts of the world. At a time when youth seems threatened by the influences of violence from within this country and subversion from abroad, the work of the 4-H Clubs of this country is providing an essential stabilizing influence."

JOINT STAFF CONFERENCE

Our 4-H Division and the National 4-H Service Committee staff met in Cleveland to review our plans of work and to further cement our teamwork efforts for expanded 4-H programs. These periodic conferences are important to help us plan how we can make the most impact utilizing our available resources.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEADER FORUM

"Leadership to Expand 4-H" is the theme for the first Regional 4-H Leader Forum for Southern United States. Georgia will be host at Rock Eagle, October 27 to 31. States in the Southern Region, plus Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, are expected to attend. J. C. Penney Company is providing scholarships for the participants, through arrangements made by the National 4-H Club Foundation.

WORKSHOPS FOR STATE 4-H TRAINING TEAMS

About 70 people are slated to attend the first of two 10-day workshops. About half of the States will be sending teams of three to five persons to the first workshop at Ft. Collins, September 4-13, for the Western and Central States. The second workshop for the Eastern and Southern States will be held January 21-31 at the National 4-H Center.

Each State 4-H training team attending will be developing training plans for its own State. The plans will assure that systematic 4-H training is received by county and State Extension personnel so that all are well equipped to share in expansion of the modern 4-H program. Up to three Extension staff members from each State will receive scholarships covering registration and maintenance, from a grant provided by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation through the National 4-H Club Foundation.

COOPERATING WITH LAND GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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"ECONOMICS IN ACTION" CONFERENCE

The first 4-H Economics Short Course enrolled about 100 older 4-H members from five States in an outstanding educational experience. The course was designed to increase the 4-H'ers' knowledge of economic concepts. Sessions at the Nebraska Center were reinforced with field trips to businesses in Lincoln. The enrollees will be encouraged to promote 4-H programs dealing with economic understanding when they return home. The National 4-H Club Foundation, cooperating with the Nebraska staff, arranged for eleven firms to provide scholarships for the participants and to cooperate in the field trips and other experiences.

4-H REPORT-TO-THE-NATION

Ken Anderson coordinated a highly successful report schedule in Minneapolis - St. Paul, Omaha, Tulsa - Oklahoma City, and San Antonio. Four young people made 13 panel presentations to 800 people, attended several receptions where they visited informally with important guests, made nearly 40 TV and radio broadcasts, and were interviewed by the press on numerous occasions. They said many questions were asked about 4-H in urban and low-income areas. While this group was carrying out their busy schedule, a fifth Reporter was representing 4-H at the Future Farmer Leadership Conference in Washington and taking part in press-radio assignments. Another group schedule is planned for September and one for October during National 4-H Week.

EXPERIMENTAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

OAS Ambassador Sol Linowitz announced the new project, to operate in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras, as a team effort growing from the IFYE program. In each of the countries, a three-man team will work for a year to develop volunteer leadership and increase agricultural production and home economics skills. Delegates will be from Massachusetts, Oregon, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. A grant from Geigy Agricultural Chemicals, through the National 4-H Club Foundation, makes the work possible.

"4-H REACHES OUT TO YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS"

Many of you have seen the tentative copy for the 4-H Leader's Guide by this title, prepared by Wilma C. Heinzelman, Home and Family Education Coordinator. The bulletin is now being printed by the Oregon Extension Service. Burton Hutton assures us that copies can be purchased by other interested States. Here is an example of a State staff responding to a current need for themselves and others.

CLOTHING WORK WITH BOYS

Richard Smith of American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear is preparing program materials that will be useful in 4-H clothing and personal appearance work with teenage boys.

/GOLD KEYS FOR STATE STAFF MEMBERS/

We wish to bring up to date our listing of State 4-H staff members to receive gold keys this year. Form is attached. You can present this at an appropriate time, since the keys are no longer presented at National Conference.

/SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS IN STATE PROGRAMS/

ALABAMA - Committee of 12 Studies 4-H

4-H Study Committeemen are giving earnest consideration to what Alabama 4-H should be in the future. They have had four sub-groups working on organizational structure, leadership development for adults and teens, educational materials, and county programs and methods of conducting 4-H. They recently observed 4-H in North Carolina and Georgia. They plan also to review program shifts in Mississippi.

GEORGIA - Pilot Work in Nutrition

Columbia and Richmond Counties have been selected for pilot work in nutrition featuring ways that junior leaders can reach out to younger boys and girls and members of their families.

HAWAII - Exchange with British Columbia

An exchange with British Columbia will take two 4-H members from Canada to Hawaii in August. Hawaii's delegates to National 4-H Conference had a rewarding experience in British Columbia.

IOWA - 4-H Sends Packages to Soldiers

In Des Moines, Lee and Henry Counties, 56 clubs are sending cookies, candy and other gifts to servicemen from the tri-county area. One club has sent as many as 17 boxes. Most clubs include a picture of their group, along with a note.

MARYLAND - Dairyman Reports

John Morris, Extension dairyman, was invited to tell the American Dairy Science Association, about putting depth into 4-H programs. A series of four to six Dairy Workshop meetings, divided into junior and senior age groups, was devised to acquaint 4-H members with the highly complex dairy industry. Topics were history of dairy breeds, feeding and feed identification, housing, diseases, kinds and composition of milk, heredity breeding, herd management, digestive system and dairy product manufacture. Interested parents accompanied the 4-H members.

MINNESOTA - Training for Arts and Crafts County Chairmen

Five 2-day workshops for arts and crafts project chairmen are offered in five different locations during September-November period. Each county will be given the opportunity to send two chairmen. Counties must participate in these workshops before offering the new project.

OREGON - 4-H Educational Center

A 720 acre site has been purchased for the 4-H Educational Center in the Willamette Valley. It is just nine miles from the State Capital, 43 miles from Corvallis and 40 miles from Portland. Burton Hutton has visited 4-H Centers in Georgia, West Virginia and Kansas to study their facilities and operations.

SOUTH DAKOTA - State 4-H Leaders' Camp

A Tuesday-through-Friday event for volunteer leaders will get under way on September 12 at Camp Lakodia. The training conference is for all leaders--club, county project and organizational. The Sears Foundation helps support it. Thursday's program will feature workshops for new projects, including: Photography, veterinary science, dog, conservation, health, safety, teen leadership, and "Young Man...Dress Right! Look Right!"

WASHINGTON - New System for Publications

Starting this fall, automatic mailing of 4-H member publications will be initiated now that EDP is in use. A publication order for each club will be printed, the order filled and sent to the leader. A copy of the order goes to the county office. Experience in three counties indicated the plan was feasible.

4-H IN URBAN AND IN LOW INCOME AREAS

COLORADO - 4-H Dog Care is Featured in Denver

As a result of a request, the Denver Extension Office conducted a 4-H Dog Obedience program for low-income Negro youth. Junior leaders from an adjoining county volunteered to teach the classes. They used dogs that had been previously trained in 4-H Dog Obedience as examples. A returning veteran from Viet Nam, and a dog trainer in the Canine Corps, assisted by demonstrating skills in dog handling. The agents hope the interest shown by parents may result in 4-H becoming established in the community as an on-going program.

INDIANA - Camping Experiences in State Fair Setting

The Youth buildings at the State Fair grounds in Indianapolis were utilized to provide a 5-day camping experience for disadvantaged youth of the city's ghettos. The program is designed to help the young people with their learning to play together, learning about nature, conservation, farm animals (see where food comes from) and personal grooming. Ten one-week programs are being considered for next year.

LOUISIANA - Reports work with Low-Income Youth

The Sub-regional AAACE MEETING at Baton Rouge, La. featured a report by Ashford O. Williams on reaching low-income youth through 4-H. This report of Operation Expansion work was described as "heart warming."

MICHIGAN - 4-H Program Assistants Assist in Inner-City Flint

Two Genesee County Program Assistants are providing leadership for a 4-H program in the Atherton East Housing Project. Woodworking and clothing were selected as "action" programs, so the members could obtain tangible results from their efforts. Scrap lumber was secured for woodworking and girls took a shopping spree to purchase fabric for their clothing projects. As a result of a flyer sent to all tenants, 50 youth are also participating in a 4-H Gardening project.

MISSISSIPPI - Urban Program

An urban program in Jackson, Hinds County, is a follow-up of Operation Expansion. Two paid aides are currently assisting and over 300 young people are enrolled in 4-H Clubs in addition to others being reached by other methods. School officials are extremely cooperative in encouraging participation in 4-H.

NEW JERSEY - Teen Leaders Work in Housing Center, East Trenton

At the East Trenton Civic Center the Fruitcakes 4-H Club has taught 4-H foods classes four evenings a week, reaching from 35 to 40 children each week during the school year. The Fruitcakes 4-H Club resulted from the "Heads Up" program when the girls desired to continue as a service club. A non-professional worker who lives in the community is the contact between people in the area and 4-H and also acts as consultant to the teen leaders.

WISCONSIN - 4-H Reaches Youth in Federal Housing Project, Milwaukee

More than 200 boys and girls are learning basic skills in food-nutrition, clothing, table manners, and grooming in the Hillside Terrace Project. The Department of Public Welfare provides meeting facilities and money for supplies and equipment. Homemakers and churches donate food and clothing. College students and volunteer adults serve as leaders and teachers. A Chef's Club was started this year specifically for boys. The groups are also involved in community beautification, and the appearance of the neighborhood has definitely improved. A unique feature of this program is the availability of a demonstration apartment made possible through the County Welfare Department.

EXAMPLES OF EDUCATIONAL EVENTS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

ARKANSAS - Personal Development Short Course

A six weeks short course was planned for 16 girls in the 16-17 age group. In exchange for the privilege of attending the course, each girl agreed to share the information with at least 10 other girls her same age--an outreach to 201 others. Chairman of the planning committee was a young homemaker who had training in professional modeling and had attended a charm school. Others on the committee--besides several girls--were a cosmetologist, home economics instructor, airline stewardess, legal secretary, and the Extension Home Economist.

GEORGIA - 4-H Horse School

Something new in the Georgia program was a week-long 4-H horse school. More than 120 boys and girls and their horses took part in the first such school held at the University. The training event was planned so it immediately preceded the annual State 4-H Horse show.

KANSAS - Four Meats-Judging Schools in July

The schools, held in different areas of the State, included a morning of study on meat judging and grading with slides and other visuals. In the afternoon, the 4-H'ers went to a packing plant to identify, grade, and judge a wide variety of meat cuts. The schools are planned for 4-H members enrolled in livestock and food preparation projects. The KSU senior meats-judging team assisted the professors.

MISSISSIPPI - Personal Development

Oktober County recently held a "4-H Charm School", where 65 girls participated in an intensive course related to personal appearance, posture, etiquette and dress. Final event in the series was an informal reception for girls' mothers where they could observe the progress their daughters had made.

NEW MEXICO - Junior Leadership

"Launching Pads of Leadership" was the theme of the State Junior Leader Conference, July 28-31. Teens participated in discussions concerning their opportunities in teen leadership, reaching the unreached, and other special interest projects.

OHIO - Dental Hygienists at 4-H Camps

Ten dental hygienists, made available by the Ohio Department of Health, have worked successfully in four 4-H camps this summer. The idea will be expanded in 1969. Several other camps have emphasized physical fitness programs. Work is also under way to focus attention on drugs, smoking, and alcohol, especially as it relates to driver safety.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Star Athlete at 4-H Conference

Keynoting the opening assembly of the annual State 4-H Conference, Bobby Richardson shared his personal testimony and experiences. In his career of 10½ seasons with the New York Yankees, Richardson played in over 1400 games and collected 1450 hits before retirement at end of the 1966 season.

VERMONT - Youth Committee Plans and Conducts Conference

The entire program for Vermont's conference was planned and conducted by the State 4-H Junior Leader Committee, made up of a boy and girl from each county. At the final assembly, one of their own group discussed "4-H Faces Youths' Problems."

WASHINGTON - Computer Helps 4-H'ers Get Acquainted

A computer dance was the first evening's feature for the weeklong process of idea exchange at the State 4-H Conference. Each 4-H'er wore a number matched by five conference delegates of the opposite sex. All six 4-H'ers had similar interests, machine-matched by questionnaires fed through a WSU computer.

WEST VIRGINIA - Career Awareness Camp

"Wheels", chosen as the theme--refers to abilities, talents, and skills. In addition to the regular program for youth from 9th through 12th grades, a special career awareness section was held for 125 7th and 8th graders. Participants were exposed to career information, explored educational and training opportunities, and were aided in correlating abilities with job requirements.

NORTHEASTERN STATES - Pesticide Programs

The pesticide coordinators met with the FES 4-H staff to consider giving added depth to agricultural chemical programs as they relate to youth. As a result a small committee will draw up a proposal for consideration at the Northeast coordinator's meeting in Rhode Island this fall.

/NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS/

Dr. Delwyn A. Dyer, who joins the 4-H staff in Virginia, was formerly a 4-H program leader in Michigan and had an overseas assignment in Nigeria for Michigan State University.

The addition of Delbert L. Bullard and Hilda Scott to its 4-H staff brings Texas to a full quota of eight State 4-H professionals. Miss Scott had previous experience in West Virginia and a graduate study period at North Carolina. Mr. Bullard's previous experience was in Texas.

Dr. Eugene W. Wiegman has been named Director of the District of Columbia Cooperative Extension Service and also Dean of Community Education. Dr. Wiegman served as assistant to the administrator of FES before joining the Federal-City College.

Dr. Cleo A. Hall assumes the Washington State position of State Leader of Human Resources on September 1. Dr. Hall, currently a member of FES, began Extension work in Illinois.

Dorothy Gallup joined the Montana staff as an area home economist. Clothing is her specialty and she works half time on 4-H and half on adult home economics programs.

New appointees to the National 4-H Foundation staff are Robert N. Wood as a consultant on expanding private support and Thomas Kimzey to assist Bob Weiss in the Seattle office. Mr. Wood is on leave as assistant director of Foundations and Development at North Carolina State University.

The Kansas State 4-H Foundation has appointed William M. Riley as assistant director and Robert E. Judd as Kansas 4-H Journal editor.

Ann Rogers is the newly appointed leader for 4-H and Home Economics in the Virgin Islands, leaving an Extension assignment in South Carolina. She has also served in Maryland and Wyoming.

J. R. Hubbard is enroute to Guam to advise on Extension work. His enthusiasm for 4-H has developed during employment in Alabama as Extension agent and then Poultry specialist.

Daniel E. Warren, who retired July 31 as State 4-H Leader in Idaho, now becomes coordinator for the special health project supervised by the National 4-H Foundation. The pilot work is being done in Oregon and New Mexico.

The three recently retired State 4-H staff members in North Dakota--Craig R. Montgomery, Ruth Bruegger and Gladys Hansen--combine more than a century of service to 4-H. State 4-H officers wrote and presented them a tribute.

Dr. Ray Weick, formerly of the State 4-H staff in Arizona and recently completing his graduate degree at North Carolina, is now to be one of the two Extension district supervisors. His place on the 4-H staff goes to Howard Jones, who has served on a temporary basis.

Three coworkers back from study leaves are Cleo Jones and Dick W. Smith of North Carolina, and Donald K. Rolston of Wyoming. Jean Cogburn and Marian Fisher of Georgia received Master's degrees in June at the University of Georgia.

Charline Lindsay of Missouri has completed a six-weeks study period at Merrill Palmer Institute in Detroit.

Dwight Palmer, on leave from North Dakota, will continue his graduate study for another year at Colorado State.

Dr. Eugene "Pete" Williams of Oklahoma participated for 4-H in the American Academy of Achievement at Dallas. Amy Kearsley of Utah participated in the Young Adult Conference on Birth Defects held recently at the Brigham Young University by The National Foundation.

The Western States 4-H Study Committee, which met recently, included Director George Hull of Arizona (chairman); Amy Kearsley, Utah; Bob Davis, California; Joyce Croft, Wyoming; Art Jacobs, Montana; Tom Quann, Washington; Glenn Klein, Oregon; and Neil Raudabaugh, FES. Dean Vaughan could not attend because of a schedule conflict. In the future, John Banning will work with this committee as our Division representative.

C. A. Cobb, Mississippi's second State 4-H Leader and now living in Atlanta, is supporting a project for writing a history of 4-H in the State. The History Department at Mississippi State is arranging to have the work done. Recently, seven of the State's 4-H pioneers met to record highlights in the evolvement of 4-H.

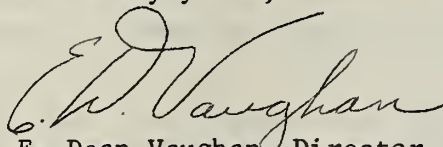
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We quote from an editorial in The Freelance, Hollister, Calif.:

"4-H doesn't ask where a boy or girl comes from--all it asks, that they be willing to work a little, play a little, and have a genuine desire to become better citizens by doing and living the 4-H way."

--Written by David O. Green, President
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